GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:13
ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002
ALLIANCE AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives behind establishing a separate airways called `Alliance Airlines`;

(b) whether these objectives have been achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether recently there have been an increase in Air Accidents involving Alliance Aircraft;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps taken for safety of passengers and aircraft;

(f) whether the Government propose to examine service conditions of the staff of Alliance Airlines employed on contract basis; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be examined?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) and (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) AND (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.13 FOR ANSWER 18/11/2002 REGARDING ALLIANCE AIRLINES.
(a): Alliance Air is the airline operated by the Airline Allied Services Limited (AASL) a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Airlines. AASL was floated by Indian Airlines in 1983 but it remained a shell company till it was decided to reactivate it in December 1995 with a view to achieve the following objectives:-

- Increased utilization of Boeing 737 aircraft through Commanders inducted in Alliance Air from the open market.

- Increased utilization of A-320 and A-300 aircraft due to availability of Boeing Pilots for upgradation/conversion training on these aircraft type.

- Operation of smaller aircraft proposed to be acquired / leased for serving regional needs leaving Indian Airlines to concentrate on long distance operations.

The company started its operations in April, 1996

(b): Yes, Sir. The details are as under :-
Increased utilization of aircraft:

The average annual utilization of the aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines / Alliance Air in the year 1995-96 was:

Aircraft type	Average utilization per aircraft per annum (Hours)
B-737	1629
A-300	2182
A-320	2148

The average utilization of these aircraft has increased after launching of Alliance Air as is evident from the table below:

Aircraft type	Average utilization per aircraft per annum (Hours)		
	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02
B-737	2849	2728	2745
A-300	2274	2400	2491
A-320	2954	3048	3178

Utilization of smaller aircraft:

Alliance Air is leasing-in 4 ATR 42-320 aircraft for a period of 5 years for deployment exclusively in the North Eastern Region. It is proposed to induct the aircraft from December 2002 onwards in a phased manner.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f) and (g): The employees of Alliance Air, other than those drawn from Indian Airlines, are on short-term renewable contract. They are entitled to facilities such as Provident Fund, Gratuity, Annual increment, Leave, air passages, canteen facility, staff transport etc. There is no proposal to change the service condition of the employees of Alliance Air.